

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

Application of City Communications, Incorporated
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local
Exchange, Exchange Access and Interexchange
Telecommunications Services in the State of South
Carolina, and for Alternative and Flexible Regulation

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☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition

☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

☐ Other:

INDUSTRY (Check one)	NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Electric/Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Memorandum	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Certification
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric/Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/> Answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Investigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric/Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Objection	<input type="checkbox"/> Resale Agreement
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1 Q: What is your name and business address?

2 **My name is Thane Namy and my business address is 2600 Big Beaver Rd. Suite 450,**

3 **Troy, Michigan 48084.**

4 Q: What is your position with Clear Rate Communications, Inc. and how long

5 have you been with the company.

6 **I am the Chief Executive Officer of the company and have served in this**

7 **capacity since I founded the company on April 4, 2001.**

8 Q: Does Clear Rate Communications, Inc. plan to offer local

9 exchange telecommunications services in areas served by any incumbent local

10 exchange telephone company with fewer than 100,000 total access lines?

1 **No. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. plans to offer local exchange**
2 **services in areas with more than 100,000 total access lines.**

3 Q: Will the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to City
4 Communications, Inc. serve the public interest?

5 **Yes. Grant of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to**
6 **Clear Rate Communications, Inc. will serve the public interest.**
7 **Applicant's proposed service are designed to meet the telephone**
8 **needs of South Carolina subscribers to realize cost savings.**
9 **Competitive services offer consumers lower prices, better quality of**
10 **service, along with technological growth.**

11 Q: Does Clear Rate Communications, Inc. intend to comply with all South
12 Carolina PSC rules, statutes, and orders pertaining to the provision of
13 telecommunications services in South Carolina, including those for
14 disconnection and reconnection of service?

15 **Yes. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. will comply with all South Carolina**
16 **Public Service Commission rules, statutes, and orders pertaining to the**
17 **provision of telecommunications services in South Carolina, including**
18 **those for disconnection and reconnection of service.**

19 Q: Has any state ever denied Clear Rate Communications, Inc. or one of its
affiliates authorizations to provide intrastate service?

1 **No. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. has never been denied authority to**
2 **provide intrastate services in any jurisdiction.**

3 Q: Has any state ever revoked the certification of Clear Rate Communications,
4 Inc. or one of its affiliates?

5 **No. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. has never been subjected to**
6 **revocation to provide intrastate services in any jurisdiction.**

7 Q: Has Clear Rate Communications, Inc. or one of its affiliates ever been
8 investigated or sanctioned by any Public Service Commission for
9 service or billing irregularities?

10 **No. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. has never been investigated or**
11 **sanctioned by any Public Service Commission for service or billing**
12 **irregularities.**

13 Q: Who is knowledgeable about Clear Rate Communications, Inc.'s operations
14 and will serve as Clear Rate Communications, Inc.'s regulatory and customer
15 service contact?

16 **Sam Namy, CFO of Clear Rate Communications, Inc.,**
17 **2600 Big Beaver Rd. Suite 450, Troy, Mi. 48084**
18 **Telephone: 248-556-4537**
19 **snamy@clearrate.com**

20 Q: Please explain in detail Clear Rate Communications, Inc.'s proposed
21 procedures for responding to information requests from the South Carolina
22 Public Service Commission and its staff.

1 An information request from the South Carolina Public Service Commission
 2 and its staff is handled as a priority request. Depending upon the requested
 3 information, the Applicant would respond within required deadlines as
 4 imposed by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. If it is unable
 5 to meet such deadline, it would seek an extension of time to respond.

6 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

7 Yes. This concludes my testimony.

I do hereby swear/affirm that the afore-presented testimony is truthful
 and accurate to according to best of my information and belief.

Thane Namy, CEO

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
 this 28th Day of August, 2020

Nancy Natzel, Notary Public

for Oakland County, Michigan

Acting in Oakland County, Michigan

My Commission expires on 04/05/2022

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This is to certify that a copy of the **Prefiled Testimony of Thane Namy** in the above-referenced matter has been served upon the parties listed below by depositing a copy of the same, first-class postage prepaid, in the United States Mail to the addresses shown below or via electronic mail as requested on the 15th day of Sept, 2020.

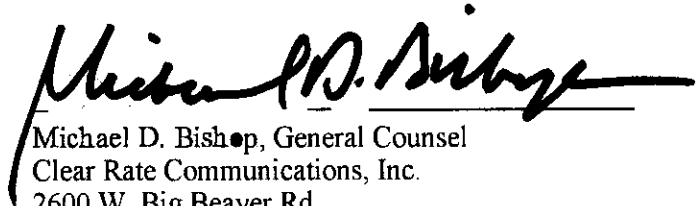
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